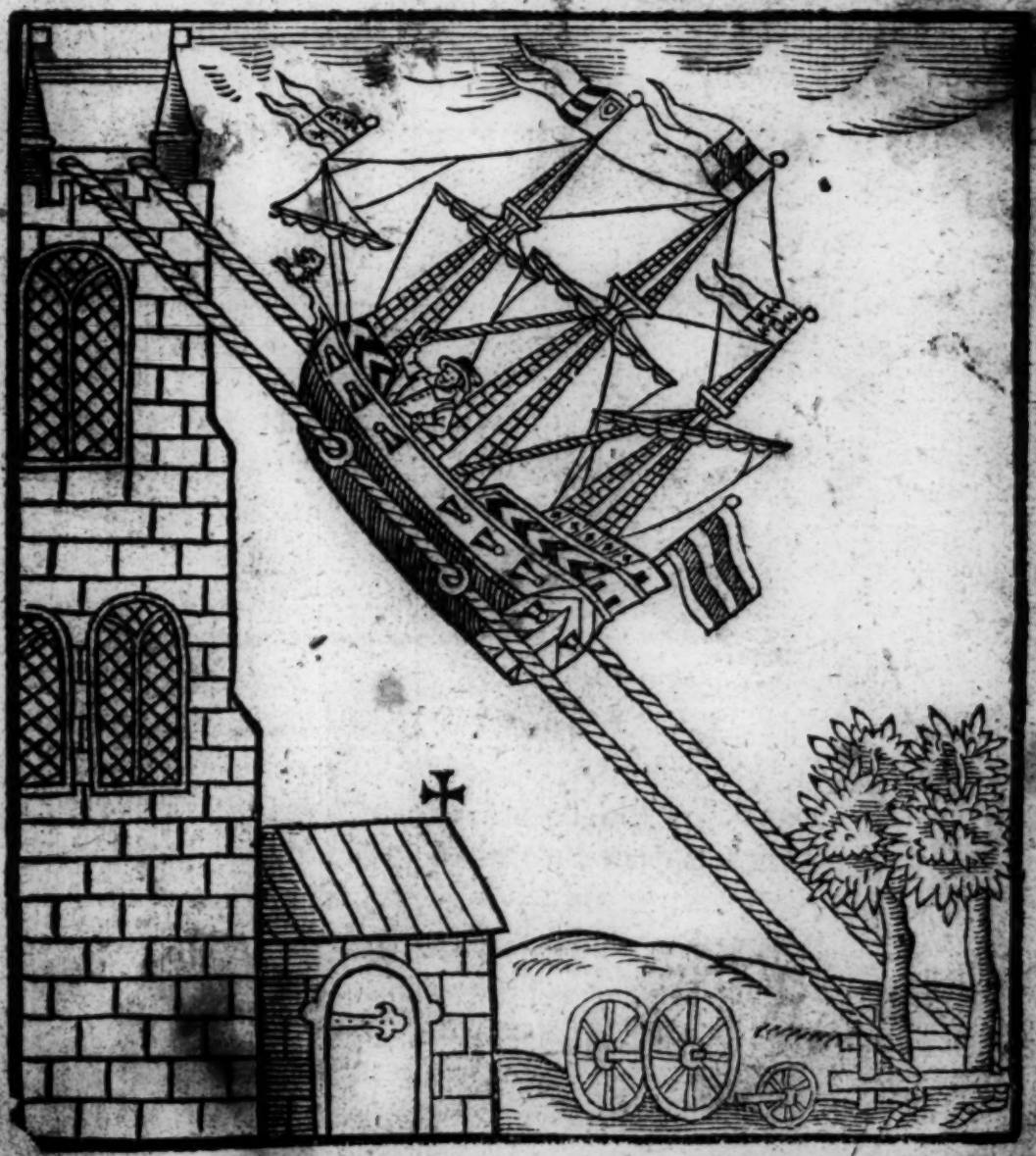
A

True Relation of the admirable Voiage and *Trauell of William Buſh Gentleman* : *who with* his owne handes without any other mans helpe, made a Pynace, in which he paſt by *Ayre*, *Land*, and *Water*: From *Lamborne*, in *Barkſhire*, to the *Cuſtome houſe Key* in *London*. 1607.



To the Reader.

IN different Readers, whoſe iudgments are ſophiſtically mixt with humors, or conceits, as many are now a dayes, who are more ready to condemne with their turbulent tongues, then to amend with ſenſible iudgments: As for them, or any ſuch carpers, I am reaſonably perſwaded to ſet as lightly by their cenſures, as they are farre from conceiuing well of any thing, but what agrees with their owne humors, or fictions. To thoſe that are of more plauſible ſpirits, who (for the moſt part either ſay little, or conceit the beſt, and either applaud what is good, or paſſe ouer with ſilence what is not hurtfull: And to thoſe that hauing ſome vnderſtanding themſelues in this Arte, as either Nauigators, or Shipwrights, and are deſirous to be partakers of the Experiments & Practiſes of other mens knowledge. To the one I commit the cenſure, to the other the profitte of this Trauellors labours: knowing that ſuch as are

wiſe, will rather winke at ſmall faults, then raſhly reproue what may pleaſure others. Though ſuch as are curious, and thinke themſelues ſufficiently expert in this Arte, finde nothing herein conteined that may ſatisfie their expectation: yet the Gentlemans hope is, they will iudge fauourably of his intentions and proceedings, and paſſe it ouer with patience, for affections ſake to the Arte it ſelfe: and hereafter doubts not but to doe them more profit and pleaſure in matters of ſome other deepe performances. If any thinke, that what this booke ſpeakes, is very ſtrange; he may ſee the very title ſaies as much: And it is good for an Author to be as good as his title. If any thinke it is but a Tale, and no truth, I cite you my Tales-maiſter, (which is more then moſt men will doe.) And he to auoide euery ſuch imputation, hath his confirmation hereof, vnder the hands and ſeales of the chiefeſt of the Cuſtome houſe in London, beſides many thouſand witneſſes in the Coũtrey. Then ſit downe and read it, if it doe not profit thee, yet his truſt is, it ſhall not diſpleaſe thee.

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A True relation of the trauels of VVilliam Buſh gent: that without more helpe then his owne, made a Pynace, by which he paſt by Ayre, Land, and Water: No man ayding, or aſſiſting him.

THe Bée, by ſerious induſtrie, gathering a certaine hidden vertue from ſundry ſortes of flowers and hearbes, and making thereof (by labour and trauell,) a materiall lumpe, namely, the Honnycombe; is not therefore to be condemned of any, but rather highlie to be commended of all. The Phiſition of many ſimples, making one compound medicine, doth not onely reape profit to himſelfe by the ſame, but purchaſeth commendations, and applaudities of others. And the ſtudious Reader, out of ſundry Authors doth ſelect ſome cheife principles, which he recorded as memorials, either to aduantage himſelfe, or to adde pleaſure to others.

Of these three comparisons: The first is excellent for imitation in generall. The second very necessarie for diuers in particular. And the last, though not so highlie estæmed of the common sort of people, by reason of their ignorance in Artes, and Sciences: yet for the good that may come thereby to a common wealth, nothing inferiour to the best: Especially where the studie tendeth to good and vertuous exercises, or the practise and contemplation thereof to laudable Artes, and experiences: Of which Artes, namely, Mathematicall; the practise of Nauigation is a principall member: as hauing participation in Arithmeticke, Geometry, Geography, Cosmography, and Astronomie, or rather (to say the trueth) the quintessence, yea the very proose and tryall of them all: For albeit men read or here neuer so much of Cosmography, or Astronomie, yet without practise and experience it is vnperfect. And how can perfection bee attained, but by making vse & transporting from place to place, thereby beholding the diuersities of daies and nightes, with the temperature of the Ayre in sundrye regions, by which the whole course and reuolution of the spheare, is made apparant to mans capcity: Seeing therefore that the same Art and skill is not performed, either by rashnes of chaunce, or strangenes of miracle, but according to certain vniuersall precepts, or documents deriued from the mathematicall fountaines, beeing the very essentiall matter and substance thereof; I thought good (being intreated thervnto) not to omitte a most strange, and well deseruing labor, of no lesse worth than wonder, effected and brought to passe by a Gentleman of our owne countrey: The which (but that we are very much adicted to admire strange, and contemne our owne, according to the old prouerbe:

For sooth it must needes be true:
For I haue learn'd it of a Iew.)

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would beget as good an opinion amongſt vs: for firſt inuenting the ſame, as that ſame miraculous inſtrument did amongſt them of Amelphis, reported of by Pandulphus Collenutius, in his Neapolitane hiſtory.

Not therefore to beguile Expectation, without any longer continued preãble of his practices, I make no doubt but vpon relation of his aduenturous and ſtrange Voyage, you will ioyne in admiration of his ſkill, and fortune.

Inſomuch, as ſuch as haue conferred with the ſkilfullest Nauigators of our Land: with ſuch as haue bẽn principall Actors in our furtheſt North-eaſt, and North-weſt diſcoueries: with ſuch as haue bẽn in the South-Sea, and at the Cape of Bona Speranza, could neuer report of ſuch a performance as this gentlemans, which for rarenes, hath the wonder and approbation of all men, and for trueth, the confirmation of many thouſand eye-witneſſes.

And it was this.

With a fewe toles, or inſtrumentes, and with his owne handes (no man in the leaſt meaſure ayding or aſſiſting him) he framed and faſhioned a Pynace by his cunning and ſkill Mathematique and Geometricall, which without the helpe either of man, or beaſt to moue the ſame forward, paſt by Ayre, Land, and Water, onely by his owne induſtry, and labor, viz. Three ſcore yardes in the Ayre, Fiue and Twentie myles vpon the Land, and an hundreth miles vppon the water.

The true manner of this Pynaces deuiſes for her proceedings in the Ayre.

Or her paſſage in the Ayre ſhe had twoo ſtronge Cables almoſt of Threeſcore and fiue yardes in length, and an hundreth weight a peece, ſtrained by wyndleſſes, and other ſtrange, and vnheard of deuiſes very ſtiffely from the battlements of the Church Tower of Lamborne in the Countie of Berke: being a Tower of great height, aboue an hundreth foote diſtant one from the other, iuſt the breadth of the Pynace, to twoo trees in the ſame Churchyard an hundreth foote likewiſe diſtant from the Tower: On which Cables or Ropes the Pynace did ſlyde, with certaine yron ringes on either ſide the ſame framed for that purpoſe, and diuers other engins that cauſed her (by one mans ſtrength in her) without other helpe to mount vp to the top of the ſame Tower, and to deſcend againe to the ground at his pleaſure: and that with great facilitie, although the beholders iudged it at firſt as poſſible as to quench fire with fewell, drowne an Eagle with water, or extinguiſh a burning ague with hotte wines.

There was likewiſe a frame of Timber vppon the toppe of the Tower, to which the maine great Cables were faſtened with windleſſes, and other deuiſes in it;

it; Another frame also of Timber was fastened deepe in the earth with windlesses, and other Engins to straine the ropes, and assist the Pynace in mooving by other deuices: Two ropes turned in the windlesses vppon the top of the Tower and in the foresaid frame with counterpoises in pullyes, to assist the motion of the Pynace, and to cause her to moue by degrees either ascending, or descending. Thus, Art ioyned with industrie and labor, turnes to good effect and purpose, exercises of most ambiguous doubts and difficulties. The skilfull Marryner who hath read many bookes of Nauigation, vnto his skill must of necessitie adde labor and trauell, else it nothing auaileth: But compared to a burning candle, that (hild vnder a bushell) yeeldes no light, or comfort. Art is the induction, and plat-forme: But Trauell, and Labor bring all things to good end, and perfection.

The manner of her proceeding by land.

THis Pynace that thus serues to such seuerall vses, as Ayre, Land, and Water, might seeme to performe things not to bee marshalled within the lymits and bounds of humane reason, and to be incomprehensible vnto mans sence, and to lead and carry it away captiue to astonishment and admiration; but that hee, that distributes knowledge and vnderstanding among men, according to such measure, times, and means, as seem best vnto himselfe, opens the eies of beliefe. The causes therefore known, the wonder may cease.

For the Pynaces passage by land shee had foure wheeles, all made and framed by this gentleman, whereof three serued to carry her, and the fourth turned in her, with diuers other Engyns that caused her by one mans labor and strength to passe forward ei-

ther vp a hill, or in deepe way, and he himselfe in her.

Her wheeles were thus plated, two of them being foure foote and an halfe high, were set in the forepart of the Pynace on either side one, vpon a square iron axeltree: The third turned in a frame of three foote high, and was fastened by deuises at the hinder part of the Pynace, directly vnder the Sterne, with which he would make such swift speed on land, as many followed to behold him, and to witnesse with their eies, what their thoughts could not conceiue to be credible. But as, Ea habentur optima, quæ & iucunda, honesta, & vtilia, So this workeman, so highlie commended, and respected for this peece of workemanship, trauelled vp and downe with as great a troope after him, as are commonly congregated vpon any fertall, or festiuall assembly, which may happily worke such good effects in some of them, that (as Tacitus reporteth the Germaines to haue encouraged themselues to the warres, with seeing, and singing the worthy wonders and heroicall exploytes of Hercules.) So some may be drawn by example of his industrious indeauours, and labour to lay aside, and shake of the fruitles imbracementes of Idlenes, and betake themselues to such necessarie experiments as may worthyly tend to praise, profit, or pleasure.

The manner of her proceeding by Water.

TWo things, are in euery instrument or vessell of speciall & most necessary consideration: The one, The body (as it were) and substance of it: The other, The end, and purpose whereunto it serues: The body and substance of euery one, as namely of this little Pynace (whereof is now spoken) we may call the

Materiall partes of which it consists, with their particular formes, such as wherby that end may be best attayned: I meane best, both with the greatest certaintie, and most possible facilitie: The Purpose, or end, wee may tearme, either the commodities to bee reaped thereby, or the fin guler and pleasant vses whereunto it is or may bee applyed. The materiall parts of this little Pynace beeing already set downe, with some partes of the vses, the rest follow thus.

For her passage by water, shee was very carefully calked, and pitched to keepe the water forth: Shée had also a seat placed in her, iust in her middle part, and doubtles right opposite one against the other: she had oares likewise of an equall length and weight to rowe her with, and foure masses and yardes of the most fine light timber that might be had, or procured: shée was orderly rigged with ropes and sailes, and in all poyntes had all manner of tacklings prouided for her as fit and necessarie, as belongeth to a ship of her burthen: Shée had twelue péeces of Ordinance in her, that went off by a strange deuise in iust order one after the other; They were planted on a platforme framed for that purpose vppon the Tower-decke in their equall proportions, and no man neere them at their discharging: Her forecastle was framed lower then the sterne by a foote; vpon euery toppe, and yard arme shée was garnished, and set forth with flagges, auncients, streamers, and pendents of rich Taffetie, the coulours sable, and argent, according to the coulours of him that made and framed her: Her seuerall flagges were beautified with diuers Coates of Armes, as the Armes of England, the Essex coate, the Harecourtes, and the Waynemans: And the coate of the Shippewright, and his ancestors, with diuers other Gentlemen of worthe, and worship in that Countrey. Had the speculation of this

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matter come to our imagination by sence, or memorie. The respect hereof had not so deepely rested in mens contentments, for ignoti nulla Cupido, But being an obiect presented to the eyes, and ratified to be true by the Testimonie of many thousand witnesses (all one mans labour and workemanship) it hath drawne many mens humors and affections to concur in pleasure, and admiration, and (but that it hath bin seen) it might be thought a thing impossible to be compassed by humane vnderstanding. And yet it may be that some superficiall shippe-wrights, or vngrounded Schollers in that Arte, who, ad pauca respicientes de facili iudicant, will thinke this easy to bee performed, because they can say, they knowe it: But that will not suffice, because the sphere of knowledge doth infinitely exceed the limits of coniecture, or not deepe, and profound capacities: yet they will oftentimes goe about to derogate from others worth, for that they themselues hunt greedily after admiration.

I haue heard a merry report: That ships of sundry Nations, lying in harbour in faire weather, The young Mariners were climing, and shewing feates of Actiuitie, one of one Nation to outbragge the other, At length a nimble ponckster gets him to the very top of the foremast, and raysing himselfe bolt vpright, turned round vppon his foote without any stay, challenging his Antagonist or any of the Nation to doe the like: His Antagonist presently vndertaketh the challenge: But hauing turned scarce halfe about, fell downe, and (as god would) in his tumbling by good hap, caught hold of the shrowds: And as soone as euer he had a litle recoured his spirits, being halfe dead for feare, yet set a bold countenance on the matter: & he also againe with a loud voice dared his aduersarie or any other of that Nation to doe the like: as though that which befell him by his error, he had done of very

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purpose: Euen so diuers that haue performed some sleight matters, or voyages, will take vpon them, and crack and boast they haue done great things, and according to Arte; and happely will speake and talke of strange wonders, such as haue neuer béene heard of, and of guifes. and currents, more by many then euer God made. when indeede these shifts are but to shadowe their ignorance, and when all sauours of as much Art, as that was which the fellow before spectified wrought his feare by.

To such I could wish they would haue in remembrance a saying of Apelles vnto Megabysus a noble man of Persia, who comming into his shop, although his knowledge was but small, yet was hee loath to haue it appeare that he was ignorant of any thing. And therefore began to question, & dispute of lines, of shadowes, and of such like matters belonging to the Art: But Apelles intreated him to make more spare of his speech, for (saith he) my youthes which grind my colours, hearing your idle discourses, doe deride them, which before had you in great admiration for your gallant shew, & presence: Now to the manner of his further proceedings.

The manner of the Pynaces trauell.

I doe not thinke there is any man that either regardeth Gods glory, or esteemeth of humane society, but holdeth this Arte and faculty of Nauigation and Shipwrights, (for this Gentlemans practise participates of both) the most excellent that are exercised amongst men. And therefore it is of very due right, that the practisers thereof, should be had in deserued reputation: Neither is there any other Arte wherein God sheweth his diuine power so manifestly, as in this: permitting vnto them certaine rules to

worke by, & increasing them from time to time, growing still onwards towards perfection, as the world doth towards his end: and yet reserueth vnto himselfe the managing of the whole: That when the practises of this faculty haue done what they can according to the skill they haue, or shall learne hereafter, he yet alwaies maketh manifest, that none but hee alone is Lord of the Ayre, Land, and Water, that all stormes and tempests doe but fulfill his wil and pleasure, and all the waues of the waters are continually at his commandement: Sufficiently verified by the seuerall occurrents that befell in this aduenturers voyage, which was thus begunne and proceeded.

Vpon Monday being the twentieth day of Iulie last past, betweene the houres of nine and ten of the clocke in the forenoone, This said Pynace was brought forth of the house of the right worshipfull William Essex Esquire, of Lamborne aforesaid, being neere vnto the Church, to proceede and passe forwards in her iourney, viz. From the battlements of the Church tower of Lamborne, by Ayre, Land, and Water vnder L O N D O N bridge to the Custome house Key of the Citie of London, by the industrie and labour of one only man that framed her. Being brought into the Church yard, she shot of her ordinance, being twelue peeces, in order one after another, to the wonderfull admiration of the multitude of people that were there assembled to behold her, for the most part of them neuer sawe shippe, or pynace before, except it were some few of the better sort. There the multitude of people was so great, that by reason of the throng, and presse amongst them, one whole houre was spent before the Pynace could be brought to the ground platforme; and setled vpon the Tables to ascend vp to the battlements of the Tower,

Shé was no sooner set vppon the Cables, but shé ascended by degrees vp into her place vppon the battlementes, not hauing any man in her: where shé continued till two of the clocke in the afternoone: At which time shee was let of from the Tower, the distance of twentie foote to hang in the ayre, in the full viewe, and sight of all the people there present: As shé so hunge in the Ayre, her Ordinance went of, and no man neare her by Twentye foote with many fire workes, and other strange and worthy deuises, to satisfye the peoples expectation for that day, for the voyage was determined to beginne the next day following. But the vngouern'd vulgar sort of people not content with these shewes (albeit they came Gratis) began to gather together in a tumultuous and vnruly head, as if they meant some hurt or preiudice to the worke, or workman, for they pretended themselues not satisfied with all this, except they might see one come downe from the toppe of the Tower in the same boate or Pynace: which the framer of the worke perceiuing, and knowing the multitude to bee compared to a beast of manye heads, vnstayed in respect of many guides, vnconstant in respect of many mindes, and vnruly in respect of many members, thought good to preuent by satisfying their murmuring mindes with the effect of their desires: For the Authour of all that businesse, to please the incredulous people, and to fulfill the insacietie of the Common sort, went vp to the battlementes and downe againe in her, to the astonishment of many, and to the full satisfaction and content of all, béeing twoo thousand in number at the least: and about fiue of the clocke in the afternoone shé returned into the place from whence shé came.

Upon Tuesday the one and twenteth day of July, betweene the houres of twelue and one of the clocke that day, this Pinace was prepared to set forward on her voyage, little thinking that the concourse of people had bin so great, as was there the day before to hinder her passage: but when shee was brought forth into the Churchyard, she found there the number much increased, and the company as troublesome and vnruly, as the day passed; yet that did not let, or with-hold the determinate purpose of her proceedings, but with the great labor and paines of twentie men at the least that were helping, shee was brought to be set vppon the Roapes, and there rested fortie foote from the ground, out of the peoples reach, vntil such time as al things were sufficiently viewed by him that was to trauaile in her: for it behoued him to extend his care in a case of such danger, where he had so great a wager, as the venture of his life, in the performance of his vndertaken voyage; and the rather, for that the loue, the demeanor and disposition of the people that were there, were altogether vnknowne vnto him, whose rule and vndiscreete behauiors afterwards appeared to bee such, as by their negligence they had purchased to themselues and others, an vntimely ruine and ouerthrowe, had not Gods loue, and mercy beene beyond all hope, measure, and expectation. For this Adventurer hauing many friends (for hee was very well beloued) to the number of threescore persons, men, women and children being assembled together, and got vppon the top of the Towre, contrary to his knowledge, where the platforme was, & where diuers other ropes belonging to the pullies, and counterpoises were fastened to the maine pynnacles thereof: the common multitude little regarding, and lesse knowing to what vses they were made, some leaned, some hung, & some sat vppon

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the ropes, other some gate vp to the top of the pynnacles to which the ropes were fastned, and there stood holding the vyon (whereon the Vane was fixt) in their handes, that they might the better, haue full sight of the comming vp of the Pynnace: But as *Mala minus expectata grauiora*, so the mischiefe that then suddenly befell was the more grieuous, by how much it was the lesse expected, or dreamed vpon. For at the first motion of the Pynace hauing her Commander in her, determined to ascend towards the top of the tower, 2. of the maine pynnacles, with men vpon them fell down into the tower, amongst the people y was there standing as thick as might be, that euery one was in great hazard & dãger. But here God shewed his wõderfull mercy, for neither they vpõ the pinnacles, nor vpon the ropes, nor any of them that were standing vpon the leades vnder the fall of the pinnacles had any harme or hurt, or receiued any bruise by the fall thereof, although by estimation they were either of them indged 2000. waight.

There might you haue heard a grieuous stir and lamẽtatiõ of the people for the suspected losse of friends, some crying for the losse of their husbandes, some for the lacke of wiues and children: other some for their friends, and kinsfolke, all greatly doubting, and mistrusting that a great part of the people in the Tower, had by that fall bin vtterly killed, or at least grieuously hurt or maymed: but when an happy boyce gaue notice from the top of the Tower, that no person had sustained either losse of life or limbe, or receiued any hurt or bruise, the people all wondered at so strange a miracle, and gaue God the glory: yet some of the most incredulous sorte remayned doubtfull and would not bee confident of such happinesse or good fortune, vntill they might see their husbands, wiues, and children come downe and descend from the toppe

of the Tower: which was not long a doing, for euery man striued to make most hast, and he thought himselfe most fortunate that could attaine to bee formost.

All this time, hée that had vndertaken this iourney sat ready in the Pynace to procéede in her, and beheld all that disasterous chaunce which had happened, But when he sawe that all was in safetie, and that neither man, woman, nor child had receaued the least hurt by that accident, hée was much ioyfull for them, greatly comforted in himselfe, and gaue God hearty praise, and thankes, for sending consolation in such hopelesse extremitie. But as the musition neither strayneth the string of his instrument too high for feare of breaking, nor letteth it too lowe for feare of distuninge: So God still kéepeth a meane, neither suffering men to be carelessie secure, nor driuing them for want of comfort to despaire.

After this, the Gouernour of the Pynace came forth of her, and went vp into the Tower to bee an Eye-witnes of what had happened, and finding all things sufficient, and stronge for his procéeding, notwithstanding this misfortune, he came downe chéerfully, and with a resolute heart to goe forward on his iourney, But many of his friendes both learned Preachers, and others went about to disswade him from this aduenturous enterprise: Alleaging his attempt too venturous, his purpose dangerous; and his presumption egregious, and to be a great sinne in tempting the mercie of God in so strange and vnheerde-of manner of boldenesse. WHO sodainelye made answeare that this president being so wonderfull, and beyonde hope, did more encourage and anymate his procéedinges, than any mans perswasions could possiblye preuayle to the contrarie: For now hée felt the helping hand

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of his mercifull God to be readye to assist him in all his actions, especially in this his iourney: So in the name of God he ascended vp to the battlementes of the Tower in the Pynace, where standing vp he turned himselfe to salute all his friends, and taking them all by the handes, hee sat downe in the Pynace, and by his owne industrie, and labour let himselfe downe by degrées to the ground to the ioye and wonder of all the beholders.

At the lower end of the ropes were the wheeles, and diuers other Engynes, prouided for his trauell by Land, readye attending his comming downe: On which wheeles after some little time hee placed the Pynace, and all their other Engynes in their seuerall places; and sitting in her, made her passe too and fro in the church-yarde, as well to see that all things should be fit, and well appointed for his trauell, as to content the people that stoode desirous to see the rest performed of that nouell aduenture: From thence he proceeded to the place from whence she came in the morning, being partlye in his waye to London, yet that small part of his iourney did more vexe and trouble him, than a whole dayes trauell in the rest of his voyage, by reason of the multitude of people, that did so followe, and pester him, and the deepenesse and straightnesse of the way that did so exceedingly hinder him, that hee was constrained to rest the best part of the next day from the trauelling any further. Thus although his beginninges aswell in respect of the former mishappe, and vnexpected accident, the vnrulye concourse of the common people, and the badnesse of the ways were very combersome and might haue ministred much cause of discouragement, yet his resolutions were so setled and his hopes so fully bent vppon gods helpe in those his businesses,

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Vpon Tuesday the one and twenteth day of July, betweene the houres of twelue and one of the clocke that day, this Pinace was prepared to set forward on her voyage, little thinking that the concourse of people had bin so great, as was there the day before to hinder her passage: but when shee was brought forth into the Churchyard, she found there the number much increased, and the company as troublesome and vnruly, as the day passed; yet that did not let, or with-hold the determinate purpose of her proceedings, but with the great labor and paines of twentie men at the least that were helping, shee was brought to be set vppon the Roapes, and there rested fortie foote from the ground, out of the peoples reach, vntil such time as al things were sufficiently viewed by him that was to trauaile in her: for it behoued him to extend his care in a case of such danger, where he had so great a wager, as the venture of his life, in the performance of his vndertaken voyage; and the rather, for that the loue, the demeanor and disposition of the people that were there, were altogether vnknowne vnto him, whose rude and vndiscreete behauiors afterwards appeared to bee such, as by their negligence they had purchased to themselues and others, an vntimely ruine and ouerthrowe, had not Gods loue, and mercy beene beyond all hope, measure, and expectation. For this Adventurer hauing many friends (for hee was very well beloued) to the number of threescore persons, men, women and children being assembled together, and got vppon the top of the Towre, contrary to his knowledge, where the platforme was, & where diuers other ropes belonging to the pullies, and counterpoises were fastened to the maine pynnacles thereof: the common multitude little regarding, and lesse knowing to what vses they were made, some leaned, some hung, & some sat vppon

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the ropes, other some gate vp to the top of the pynnacles to which the ropes were fastned, and there stood holding the yron (whereon the Vane was fixt) in their handes, that they might the better, haue full sight of the comming vp of the Pynnace: But as *Mala minus expectata grauiora*, so the mischiefe that then suddenly befell was the more grieuous, by how much it was the lesse expected, or dreamed vpon. For at the first motion of the Pynace hauing her Commander in her, determined to ascend towards the top of the tower, 2. of the maine pynnacles, with men vpon, them fell down into the tower, amongst the people ẏ was there standing as thick as might be, that euery one was in great hazard & dãger. But here God shewed his wõderfull mercy, for neither they vpõ the pinnacles, nor vpon the ropes, nor any of them that were standing vpon the leades vnder the fall of the pinnacles had any harme or hurt, or receiued any bruise by the fall thereof, although by estimation they were either of them iudged 2000. waight.

There might you haue heard a grieuous stir and lamẽtatiõ of the people for the suspected losse of friends, some crying for the losse of their husbandes, some for the lacke of wiues and children: other some for their friends, and kinsfolke, all greatly doubting, and mistrusting that a great part of the people in the Tower, had by that fall bin vtterly killed, or at least grieuously hurt or maymed: but when an happy voyce gaue notice from the top of the Tower, that no person had sustained either losse of life or limbe, or receiued any hurt or bruise, the people all wondered at so strange a miracle, and gaue God the glory: yet some of the most incredulous sorte remayned doubtfull and would not bee confident of such happinesse or good fortune, vntill they might see their husbands, wiues, and children come downe and descend from the toppe

of the Tower: which was not long a doing, for euery man striued to make most hast, and he thought himselfe most fortunate that could attaine to bee formost.

All this time, hée that had vndertaken this iourney sat ready in the Pynace to procéede in her, and beheld all that disasterous chaunce which had happened, But when he sawe that all was in safetie, and that neither man, woman, nor child had receaued the least hurt by that accident, hée was much ioyfull for them, greatly comforted in himselfe, and gaue God hearty praise, and thankes, for sending consolation in such hopelesse extremitie. But as the musition neither strayneth the string of his instrument too high for feare of breaking, nor letteth it too lowe for feare of distuninge: So God still kéepeth a meane, neither suffering men to be carelesse secure, nor driuing them for want of comfort to despaire.

After this, the Gouernour of the Pynace came forth of her, and went vp into the Tower to bee an Eye-witnes of what had happened, and finding all things sufficient, and stronge for his procéeding, notwithstanding this misfortune, he came downe chéerfully, and with a resolute heart to goe forward on his iourney, But many of his friendes both learned Preachers, and others went about to disswade him from this aduenturous enterprise: Alleaging his attempt too venturous, his purpose dangerous; and his presumption egregious, and to be a great sinne in tempting the mercie of God in so strange and vnhearde-of manner of boldenesse. WHO sodainelye made answeare that this president being so wonderfull, and beyonde hope, did more encourage and anymate his procéedinges, than any mans perswasions could possiblye preuayle to the contrarie: For now hée felt the helping hand

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of his mercifull God to bee readye to assist him in all his actions, especially in this his iourney: So in the name of God hee ascended vp to the battlementes of the Tower in the Pynace, where standing vp hee turned himselfe to salute all his friends, and taking them all by the handes, hee sat downe in the Pynace, and by his owne industrie, and labour let himselfe downe by degrées to the ground to the ioye and wonder of all the beholders.

At the lower end of the ropes were the wheeles, and diuers other Engynes, prouided for his trauell by Land, readye attending his comming downe: On which wheeles after some little time hee placed the Pynace, and all their other Engynes in their seuerall places; and sitting in her, made her passe too and fro in the church-yarde, as well to see that all things should be fit, and well appointed for his trauell, as to content the people that stoode desirous to see the rest performed of that nouell aduenture: From thence hee proceeded to the place from whence hee came in the morning, being purposed in his waye to London, yet that small part of his iourney did more vexe and trouble him, than a whole dayes trauell in the rest of his voyage, by reason of the multitude of people, that did so followe, and presse him, and the deepenesse and straightnesse of the way that did so exceedingly hinder him, that hee was constrained to rest the best part of the next day from the trauelling any further. Thus although his beginninges aswell in respect of the former mishappes, and vnexpected accident, the vnrulye concourse of the common people, and the badnesse of the way; were very combersome and might haue ministred much cause of discouragement, yet his resolutions were so setled, and his hopes so fully bent vppon gods helpe in those his businesses,

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that his proceedings proued exceeding prosperous, and the end was concluded with the fulnes of all content and expectation both of himselfe, and all his wellwillers; as appeares by his further progresse in the same.

Upon Wednesday the two and twentieth of July, betweene the houres of foure and fiue of the clocke in the after noone, this gentleman enterprised by degrées to make prosecution of his trauell, which notwithstanding it was labourſome vnto him, yet seemd it sweete and pleasing in that his mind was led with a desire, and delight to see the performance and execution of the same; for a firme hope and assurance of those things we loue, and labour to bring to passe, alwaies causeth delight: *Spes alit agricolas*: Hope nourisheth the Country-men. The hope of gayne causeth the labouring husbandman, not to feele the scorching heate of the summer, nor the hoary frosts of winter. Hope of glorye enritcheth the Souldiour with a certaine sweetnes in all his dangerous encounters: and the Marchant, although he lye tossed with billowes, and tempest-shaken in the middest of the Ocean, yet is he made merrie at mid-night with the hope of Lucre. He that is moued with delight in this matter of hope, exactly declares his certaine confidence of apprehending the subiect of his hope, & the vndoubted grounds, and probable securitie of obtayning the thinges expected.

So fared it with this Traueller, who moued with this passion of hope, or rather certaine perswasion of his prosperours proceeding, beganne now to addresse himselfe to the apt disposing of his Pynace, and to the making of her goe vpon the maine land, and so trauelled from Church Lamborne, to Vp-Lamborne, being by iudgement and estimation some quarter of a myle distant the one from the other. In euery Vertue, there

there is a lowe degrée, a meane, and an Excellent: There be beginners, goers forward, and perfect, Incipientes, perficientes, & perfecti: In euery vertue there is a supreame Excellencie, rare, singuler, and admirable, as in Fortitude, apert perills of death, in Prudence, present Resolutions, &c. which degrées this practitioner had brought to such perfection in his Arte, that he effected the same to the great commendation of his Vertue, and the déepe contentment of all the beholders. And about seuen of the clocke in the euening of this same day he ceased from his labour for that time, and the next day following being Thursday he there rested, and toke his repose. For

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Uppon fryday being the 24. day of July betwéene the howers of thrée and foure of the clocke in the afternoone, he began to trauell with his boate from Vp-Lamborne where he had well rested, and refresht his wearines, vp an excéeding high hill towardes Childerie downes, which he could very hardly attayne the top of, but with great enforcement of paines, and labour. And then descended into the next vallye, The passage to which hée found to be so easie, that he was thereby encouraged to attempte the climing to the top of the next hill, béeing farre higher, and stéeper than the first, but that proued so difficult, and full of toyle to him in the trauell, that it was full night before he could attanie to the top thereof; and his bones were so ouerwearied, and grieued with the extremity of that labor, That hauing then trauelled a Mile, and an halfe he was there constrained to rest and to procéed no further, but to put a déepe crosse into the earth, where hee left his boate, and some people with her there that night, and hee with diuers others returned to Lamborne where he rested.

Vpon Saterday the fiue and twentieth of Iulye betwéene the houres of seauen and eight a clocke in the morning, hee beganne to procéede forward on his Iourney, and trauelled from the foresaid Crosse on Childerie Downes to the lodge of the right worshipfull Sir Edmond Fetiplace, being from thence distant some two miles and an halfe, and there by reason of the tempestuous weather, as extremitie of Lightning, Thunder, and Raine, he was constrayned to rest from passing any further, and there being about the houres of Two and Thrée of the clocke in the afternoone, hée ceased and left of to labor. The rayne hauing falne so wonderfully fast, that the Pynace (had shée béene from the wheels) might haue swome vpon the downs, for (the shower being ended) there was in her by estimation fortie gallons of water. At that place he rested the next day béeing Sunday.

Munday the seauen and Twentie day of Iuly.

If any man should inquire why the Vyne so loueth the Elme by nature that it wrappeth more kindely about it, and bringeth forth more plentie and better Grapes, then planted at the roote of any other Trée, no other reason questionles could be giuen, than a certaine secret simpathye of nature, a proportionate agréeablenesse, and naturall conueniencye. If any should demaund, why this traueller hath so bended his studies and indeauours in this Art, séeing there is such perill, both in the proofe and practise, I thinke no better reason can be yealded than this, that it procéedeth from a certaine loue he hath thereunto, grounded vpon the agréeablenesse, and concordance with his Nature: For neither feares, misfortunes, nor bad weather, or tempests could disanimate or deterre him from his further procéedings, but that as before, so

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vpon Munday being the Seuen and Twentieth day of July betweene Seauen and eight of the clocke in the forenoone, taking time by the forehead, and desirous not to be idle, but alwaies in action, hee began to trauell from Sir Edmond Fetryplace his lodge, but by reason of the multitude of people that in a distracted desire, came and followed him to behold this vnheard-of manner of trauelling, which was a thing so incredible & strange vnto them, That a Pynace should passe ouer the cheroppe of the downes, he was in some sort by the peoples importunitie, enforced to rest and remaine here three houres after he had trauelled three miles.

Here Vertue was encouraged by the vulgar sort, as it was remembred by the better, for euery one that had beene Spectator of this strange enterprize, caused such sustenance to be brought vnto him, as either that place or their store and prouision could afford him, and that in such timely manner, that as a showre of raine after a long drought is more worth than tenne showers another time: and money lent to a Marchant falling Bankrupt to vpholde his credit, may bee accounted so much money giuen: So the same was the more pleasing and acceptable vnto him, in that it was so needfull by reason of the greatnesse of his former labour and trauell. After he had well receaued, and refreshed himselfe with such prouision as they had plentifully bestowed vpon him; he addrest his course towardes Canuslow hill, being about a mile from the place hee thus rested at, and there toke his repose that night, hauing trauelled fiue mile the same day.

The next morning being Tuesday, the eight and twentie day of Julie, betweene the houres of nine and ten of the clocke in the fore noone, he desisted not to goe forward, and prosecuted in his wearisome iour-

ney, finding it now very painefull, and irkſome vnto him, as well by reaſon of the extremity of the hotte weather, as by meanes of the infinite company of people, which greedelie followed after him in ſuch great troupes, being two miles from any Towne, or Village that he was almoſt ſtifled, and peſtered for want of ayre, for notwithſtanding he himſelfe many times intreated them to forbeare, yet neither hee, nor all his friends or followers could preuaile, or perſwade them to refraine from preſſing ſo neere him, & the boate. So incapable oftentimes are the actions of the common multitude, either ſence, order, or meaſure: but that for the moſt part, they more earneſtly purſue that which they are moſt forbidden and reſtred to leaue. According to that

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About two of the clocke in the afternoone, by a ſiniſter accident and misfortune, the chiefeſt key of his worke brake ſodenly, by which the Pynace was guided, and gouerned: by reaſon whereof, he was forſt to ceaſe going forward any further, hauing not trauailed aboue a mile that day.

Vpon Wednesday the nine and twentith of Julie, betweene the houres of nine and tenne of the clocke in the morning, after the ſayd engine was mended, w the day before was broken, he began to proceede on his iourney, from Cutchinglow hill vpon the downes with as much ſpeede as he might. And after hee had trauelled almoſt three miles, he practiſed in his boate, The concealed Arte for ſwift ſpeed in running. Which he performed with inexpected admiration, for in the ſame ſcore, he outran all the people twentie yardes, being of men, women and children, to the number of fiue hundred. This day he trauailed further to Allesworth Parish, to a place called Harbens lodge, where perforce he was conſtrayned to reſt, by reaſon that the

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engine so lately mended, was newlie broken againe, about foure of the clocke in the afternoone, having travailed that day fiue miles, and better. This day he passed the highest and steepest hill that was in all his iourney, being from the foote to the toppe thereof, by estimation a long mile.

Thursday the thirtieth of Iulie.

ARistotle (*Eth.* 2. *Cap.* 3.) reduceth all our motions of the minde, to Pleasure and Paine: For as we see (saith he) there is no wickednesse but men will attempt for Pleasures: So we trie many to be deterred from the studie of Vertue onlie by the feare of Paine. Some other moderne Philosophers (ayming almost at the same marke) distinguish in generall, All Affections into two Members, (that is) Some consist in procuring, and prosecuting some good thing, either pleasant, or profitable vnto them: Others, in flying or eschuing some ill thing that might annoy them: They aymed (I say) both almost at one marke, because who prosecuteth anye matter that conduceth to his nature, receaueth thereby pleasure; So hee that shunneth any thing disagreeing to nature, shunneth consequently Paine. With these diuisions consent the proceedings of this Traueller, who prosecuting with all vehemencie his motions of minde, and affections of Desire, and Hope, was strengthned, and encouraged to attempt any difficulties, and was not discouraged by any paine, to prosecute the end of his profit, and pleasure.

Insomuch that vpon Thursday the thirtieth of Iulie, betweene the houres of nyne and ten of the clocke in the forenoone, after the remending of the said Engine of vpon this industrious gentleman no wauering variable in his resolution, or swarueing any whit from

his determinate purpose, addreſt himſelfe and his courſe from Harberts lodge, to a place called Streatly, being ſome two miles diſtant from the lodge, To which place he came about twelue of the clocke of the ſame day, where he reſted that day, and the day following being Frydaye, onely to caike, pitche, and trimme his Pynace, becauſe ſhee was ſo marueilouſly ſhaken by the long and weari ſome iourney ſhe made vpon the land : Launching her forthwith into the water, to make tryall whether (without further reparation) ſhee was able to indure her trauell vppon the Water : which vpon ſearch hee found ſo ſufficient, as that her former ſhaking by Land, had not much hurt, or annoyd her.

Vpon Saterday being the firſt of Auguſt, about twelue of the Clocke, this Gentle-man intended to commit both himſelfe, and his Pynace to the mercie of the water, and very earely in the morning prepared diuers great waights, and put them into her, ſo by the greatnes of the waights cauſed the Pynace to ſinke vnder the water, to enable her by the ſwelling of the Timber and planckes to defend any breach that might happen by her going vpon the water in that iourney, and that with more ſpeede and ſafetie hee might arriue at the end of his determined voiage: being in good hope he ſhould receiue leſſe damage vpon the water then he had ſuſtained vpon the land. This done, he thought himſelfe in ſuch ſecurity as if he did in Portumauigare. But it fell out cleane contrary ; for a company of rude perſons, being Bargemen, (a kinde of people by nature, and education immoderate, barbarous, and vnciuil) wading in the water to the Pynace, with great violence haled, and pulled her vp and downe, as if they intended nothing elſe but to haue ſhaken her aſunder. Which when the Commander of her heard of, and

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perceiued, with what kind and milde speeches and intreaties as hee could, hee perswaded them to dissist from their rude and vncivill manner of behauiour. But all preuailed not, they were so farre from leauing of to continue these wrongs and iniuries, as they returned vild and vnciuill speeches to the Gentleman: and not contented with that, their company increased to the number of tenne, or twelue persons, all Bargemen, some with long Pike staues, some with long hookes, and other weapons and barbarously assaulted this distressed Voyager, hauing but two men with him, attendants in his company, who were both grieuously wounded and hurt in their heades & other places, by these ryotous persons: for all this these rude fellowes were not satisfied, neither for the abuse offered to himselfe, nor the hurtes done to his men, but they manifested their further cankred stomachs and malice, (after the hurt men were retyred into their lodgings, for safegard of their liues) and went vnto the Pynace where they had left her, and with great stones, hookt staues, and other weapons, maliciously rent and spoiled her, and beat great holes through her, not forbearing to continue this violence and out-rage, vntill they thought they had sufficiently torne her for trauailing any more, either by land or water. Thus to be led by the brain-sick resolutions of fole hunours, & to follow the multitude, (which the Philosopher termeth to be Monstrũ multorum Capitum, A Monster with many heades) is but to delight in turbance, to take pleasure in doing iniuries, and to heape one mischiefe on the necke of another.

This was a great ouerthrow, and hinderance to this Trauellers voyage, and might haue beene his vtter vndoing, if their diuellish purposes had taken their full effects: for by this misfortune he was constrained to stay at Strearley, Saterday, Sunday, and

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part of Munday, as well to cure and recouer his men, as to mend & repaire his boate; which (God be thanked) were both reasonably well performed by the Munday following: so that by this time his men were somewhat recouered, and inabled in the afternoone to passe in a boat which he had hired of purpose, to carry them some foure miles a day, as they were able to endure the ayre, with drummes and sortes of Musicke, by which both himselfe, and his men receiued much consolation and comfort.

The first, second, or last occasions of feare did not cause him to distrust of hopefull end: but as a wise ship-master when hee setteth forth from the shoare and goeth to Sea, laying aside the remembrance of wife, children, house, and familie, imployeth his body and minde only to the due performance of his shippe to a gainefull hauen: So notwithstanding all dangers that befell him, either by misfortune or disorder, he patiently vnderwent them, and still carried his minde and indeuments ready and prepared to doe their best to bring his business to happy and successfull conclusion: And so vpon Monday being the third of August betweene the houres of one and two of the clocke in the afternoone, he began to trauell by water at the place where hee left the Thursday at his comming thither, for his Pynace was water-borne being vpon wheeles, as shee trauelled vpon the land: From thence hee directed his course from Streatley to Pangbornelocke, being distant from Streatley by water foure miles: And comming thither about fiue of the clocke, rested there that day.

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whéles into the water on the other side of the locke, vntill hee was water borne, and then hee cast the whéles with other deuises from him, and so being cleare in the water, rowed with his oares, going softly forward vntill hee came to *Maple Durham-locke*, bing distant from *Parghornelock* some three miles, where he came a shoare in his boat againe, vpon the whéles, and passed through a long Wood wharfe, there by land a very deepe and troublesome passage, which was so painefull by reason of the bad way, and the extremitie of heat, that the people (being very many of the better sort, pitied him much, and were greatly sorry for his painefull labor. All which hee did by his owne toyle and industry: and yet not so relying vpon his Art, but that hee ascribed the meanes to Gods will and pleasure, without which hee could not haue done any thing. Two things therefore are wished to be increased in men of his Profession: the first is, the true feare of God, & then a carefull diligéce in all things belonging to their Arte; where the feare of God is not, no arte can serue the turne, for that were to make of arte an Idole: yet those that feare God, must take héed they tempt him not: they ought therefore to vse arte as the meanes that God hath ordayned for their benefite, and be thankfull.

After he had rested himselfe about two houres, and well recreated and refresht his body at Sir *Michael Blunts*, he prepared to proceed forward passing in the boate vpon the whéles below the locke into the water, and when she was water-borne againe, hee cast the whéles from him, and passed forwarde with his Oares towards Reading-locke. Vnto which place before he came, he might discry a far off a whole army of people, vpon Causum-bridge, & vpon the banks of the riuer, which followed the Pynace with her drumms and muscke, vntill shee came to the Locke. There

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After he had reſted himſelfe about two houres, and well recreated and refreſht his body at Sir *Michael Blunts*, he prepared to proceed forward paſſing in the boate vpon the whéles below the locke into the water, and when ſhe was water-borne againe, hee caſt the whéles from him, and paſſed forwarde with his Oares towards Reading-locke. Vnto which place before he came, he might diſcery a far off a whole army of people vpon Cauſum-bridge, & vpon the banks of the riuer, which followed the Pynace with her drumms and muſicke, vntill ſhee came to the Locke. There

might you haue seene the number of the people double encreased, and the Trauailer with diuers Gentlemen, and others in his company (all strangers) very kindly receiued and entertained by Knights, Ladyes, Esquiers, and sundry persons of the best ranckе and fashion, to the number of two thousand people and vpward, of men, women, and children, beeing halfe a Mile from the towne, whether with great paines the Pynace was brought, and placed in the Kings forge at the Pyrie: and such as were in the Trauailers company passed into the town, comming thither about fiue of the clocke, and rested there, hauing trauailed that day eight miles.

Vpon Wednesday beeing the fifth of August, betweene the houres of ten and eleuen of the clocke in the fore-noone, he conuayed his Pynace as priuily as might be to the water, to auoyde and beguile the presse of people, beeing then dinner time: at which time he thought that people would haue least minde to looke after his procéeding. Notwithstanding vpon the least newes of his departure muttured, the people instantly increased, and flocked together in greater troopes and abundance, then were there the day before, with their drumes, seuerall instruments musick, of all well to shew their owne gladnesse and content of mind, as to adde comfort to the Trauailer, for Musicke doth iubilate the heart with pleasure, excites and stirs vp humors, and inuites to magnanimity: and no other cause can bee yeiled then this, that betwixt mens hearts and musicke, there is a certaine sympathie, correspondencie, and proportion. Who can giue any other reason why the Loadstone drawеth yron, but a sympathy of Nature? why the needle touched but with such a stone, should neuer leaue looking toward the North-pole? who can remember other reason then Simpathie of nature? So wee may say, that

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such is the nature of mens mindes, as musicke hath a certaine proportionate Simpathye with them: As our tastes haue with varietie of daintie cates: our smelling with varietie of odours, &c. But not to insist vpon this, they followed (I say) this traueller all along vpon the shore, a mile and better vpon Sunning-Locke, where (but that God miraculously protected, and defend him) both the Pynace and hee in her had béene cast away and drowned: for vnaduisedly by the counsell of a Miller he presumed to shut a narrow straight, which had a great fall ioyning to the Locke: where a stumpe had almost ouer whelmed the Pynace, but shée escaped that danger, onely receauing some quantity of water néere about three or foure gallons. About foure, or fiue of the clocke in the afternoone he came to Sunning, where by diuers people of the better sort and condition with him and his companye were verie kindlye entertained. There hee rested that night, calling in his minde, how he might escape the like troublesome lockes and dangers.

Vpon Wednesday being the first of August, betwéene the houres of ten and eleauen of the clocke in the forenoone, he prepared his Pynace to trauell vpon her wheéles by land to Maydenhead, vnderstanding it to be thither thirtie miles by water, and but eight miles by land, besides many dangerous lockes which might put him in great hazard: so he proceeded to trauell by land to Twyford, but had not passed halfe a mile, when the maine Axe of the pynace-worke brake: by reason whereof, he could passe no further then Twyford, for it was foure houres before it could be mended againe: So there he rested that night, comming thither about six of the clocke.

These crosses and impediments would haue wearied many, & mooued them to discontentment, as wel for the often exercising of one thing which engendreth

satiety, and for that by nature men affect to bee various: As for that also they found such discouragements in the estate and condition of the exercise and busines which they had in hand: yet these could not set warre and battell in his thoughts, or hinder the progresse of his intendments. But that on Friday being the seauenth of August, betweene the houres of nine and ten of the clocke in the forenoone, he began to proceed and goe forward on his painefull iourney, which he found to be full of toile and labour, by reason of the deepenesse of the sand, which caused the Pynace to trauell very sadde and heauilie. That day she trauailed to little Weeke, in Maydenhead thicket, being distant from Twyford foure miles, and there rested about six of the clocke.

Upon Saturday the eight of August, betweene the houres of nine and ten of the clocke that day, he trauelled from little Weeke in the Thicket aforesaid, to Maydenhead: Through which Towne, he endured the most painefull toyle and trauell, that he had in all his iourney, by reason of the deepenesse of the myre in the streete, wherein the wheeles pierced a foot deepe at the least: and so forward to Maydenhead Bridge, ouer the Thames. Into which Riuer he passed with his wheeles, vntill he was water-borne, where hee purposed to proceede on his iourney on Monday following: So for that day he returned to Maydenhead about foure of the clocke, hauing trauailed the same day some three miles, and there rested he that night, and the next day being the Saboth day.

Upon Monday being the tenth of August, betweene the houres of nine and ten in the morning, he began to trauell from Maydenhead Bridge by water, to which place hee came from Maydenhead vppon his wheeles, being intreated by diuers Knights and Esquires, that were there assembled, that they might see

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the manner of his trauell by land, which after they had fully viewed at their pleasure, hee tooke off hee wheeles, and lanched her at the place where she was water-borne the Saturday before vpon her wheeles: and so passed by water to Winsor, and there stayed to refresh himselfe two houres, and from thence rowed to Staynes with his oares attending him, hauing a set of loude Instruments of musike in them, from Maydenhead to London, to doe him comfort and encouragement in his iourney. And hauing trauailed eighteene miles this day, hee rested at night at Staynes, comming thither about six of the clocke.

Vpon Thursday being the eleauenth of August, betweene the houres of six and seauen of the clocke that morning, he began to proceed forward towards Kingstone, and arriued there betweene 10 and 11 of the clocke the same forenoone, Notwithstanding hee stated at Hampton Court halfe an houer by the intreatie of Sir Charles Manners, where he refresht himself: So by estimation hee rowed his Pynace aboue fiue miles an houer, for foure houres together: by which the watermen were brought into a wonderous distraction, and admiration, one while conceiuing the best of it; another while the worst: Sometimes thinking it might be done by art and cunning; and sometimes againe, iudging it a thing impossible: So as the earth being vnmanured, bringeth forth brambles, and briers, with many stinking weedes; and manured also, springeth forth here and there darnell, and cockle; Euen so their vnderstandinge were so ill guided, that sometimes they vtt not onely yeild vaine imaginations, but in the middest of their best conceits, many times vnciuill surmises, and impertinent distractions. Hee stated at Kingston three houres, and from thence passed to Braineford, he landed at maister Harrisons keye there dwelling, and rested there Wednes-

day, and Thursday, comming thither about 5 of the clocke in the after-noone, and hauing rowed that day thirtie miles.

Upon Thursday being the 13. of August betweene the houres of seauen and eight of the clocke in the euening, he priuately bended his course towards London, onely with one paire of oares in his company to carry sufficient witnesses of his landing at the Custome-house Key, leauing his munitions, and the rest of his company behind him, doubting the multitude of boates, and people might much annoy him, if hee should attempt to land there by day. So betweene the houres of 12 and 1 of the clocke that night he landed at the Custome-house Key, in the presence of 4 of the kings seruants of the Custome-house, and diuers other witnesses that saw the whole performing of the iourney, and came with him thither.

From thence he returned againe to Braineford with his Pynace, and there landed by 4. of the clocke in the morning, intending to prepare his Pynace and his company in some better fashion, vnderstanding the peoples expectation of his comming to London, and of his landing at the Custome house Keye, which had beene performed againe, but for the misbehauiour, and vnrulynes of the boates, that with such a multitude and throng prest so neere the Pynace, that shee could not any way haue her passage.

The most part of Frydaye, Saterday, and Sunday he spent in painting and rigging her with masts, yardes, Sailes, Flagges, Ancients Streamers, and pendents: And all other prouision for her ordinance, and fyer workes, in as laudable a sort, and fashion as for a ship of greater burthen: which the knightes, Ladies,

Ladies, and gentlemen nére Braineford, and all sorts of the common people, rounde about that place, hearing, and vnderstanding of, resorted thither vpon the Mondaye, expecting the Pynace shoulde that day haue departed, but shee intended not to proceede till the morrowe following. Then the better sorte intreated the commaunder of her to do them that especiall fauour that they might see the manner of his trauell both by Land and Water: which request made by so worthy personages, hee willingly subscribed to, and with all expedition plased the Pynace on her wheeles, and brought her from whence shée stode priuate, into a large Court, where there stode priuate so many Coaches, and the great gates were so lowe, as shée could not that waye haue passage into the Stréte, But another waye being found by which shee was brought forth, there wanted no Spectators to attend her comming, but the Streete was full of people, and most of the better sorte, for there were two hundreth knights, Ladyes, and Gentlemen, who hauing seene the Pynace passe by Lande, desired also that they might see her sayle on the water: This was likewise graunted by the traueller. And they all satisfied to their full contents and pleasure.

Vppon Tuesday beeing the Nyneteenth of August betweene the howres of Foure and Fiue of the clocke in the morning, the Pynace was brought and launched into the water, and passed forwardes towardes LONDON, with Drummes, and lowde Instraments of Musicke, shoting off her ordinance at her departure from Brayneford: Shee

She came before Westminster betweene 7 and 8 a clocke in the morning, which being discried a farre of, there came such a multitude of all sortes of boates, that neither she, nor any of her company could rowe, or stirre any way, by reason of their rude thrusting vpon her: So she was constrayned to presse by all meanes she could to Somerset Court at the wall, not being able to come neere the staires, at which place she was drawne vp by roapes with force of men, and by them carried into a house in the Strands, where we now leaue her vntill her further proceedings.

Vpon Wednesday being the nineteenth of August, betweene the houres of ten and eleauen of the clocke in the forenoone, the commaunder of the forsaid Pynace shap't his course to the Custome-house of the Citie of London, with diuers witnesses for the performance of his iourney with him. Who in the presence of the Customer, Controller, and Surueyor there, did offer to make oath of the performance of the voyage, intreating a certificate of what he had effected: which was willingly granted, & deliuered vnder these Officers hands, and seales. And he himself very kindly entertayned by all the officers, and feasted at the Customers house and all his company.

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